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SUBJECT: COUNCIL OPERATIONS AND EXERCISE COMMITTEE (COEC) MEETING  
MAY 20, 1975 - EXERCISE WINTEX 75

REF: A. USNATO 2572  
B. USNATO 6473, NOV 21, 1974  
C. STATE 113376

SUMMARY: AT MAY 20 MEETING TO CONSIDER REVISED DRAFT REPORT  
ON THE PARTICIPATION OF THE DCP IN WINTEX 75, COUNCIL OPERA-  
TIONS AND EXERCISE COMMITTEE (COEC) AGREED TO DELETE SECTION  
V DEALING WITH THE MODALITIES FOR NATO HQ PLAY IN WINTEX 77  
AND TO CONSIDER THIS SUBJECT IN A SEPARATE REPORT TO THE DPC.  
COEC APPROVED TWO US PROPOSALS FOR INCLUSION IN THE REPORT  
THE FIRST INCLUDES A REFERENCE IN THE TEXT AND RECOMMENDA-  
TIONS SECTION ON THE NEED FOR, AND VALUE OF, ACTUAL DPC PLAY  
IN WINTEX EXERCISES. THE SECOND CALLS FOR A REDRAFT OF  
PARA 13 (REF A) TO CLEARLY STATE THE PROBLEM WITH THE TECHNICAL  
OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE AUTOMATED COMMUNICATIONS  
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SYSTEM AND STRESS THE NEED FOR TIMELY CORRECTIVE ACTION.  
INTERNATIONAL STAFF WILL PREPARE ANOTHER DRAFT REPORT BASED  
UPON INPUTS RECEIVED. MISSION WILL FORWARD NEW DRAFT TO  
WASHINGTON UPON RECEIPT. UNDER ANY OTHER BUSINESS, CHAIRMAN

SAID THAT AMB DE ROSE (FRANCE) INFORMED SYG LUNS THAT FRANCE WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT PARTICIPATE IN EXERCISE HILEX-7. END SUMMARY.

1. COEC CHAIRMAN (MACBRIEN) OPENED DISCUSSION ON THE REVISED REPORT ON THE PARTICIPATION OF THE DPC IN WINTEX 75 BY STATING THAT SECTION V (PARA 19-22, REF A) WAS PREPARED BY INTERNATIONAL STAFF AS A COMPROMISE SOLUTION FOR THE TYPE OF NATO HQ RESPONSE CELL FOR WINTEX 77.

2. UK REP (BEAUMONT) SAID THAT HIS AUTHORITIES WERE NOT SATISFIED WITH SECTION V OF THE REPORT WHICH OUTLINES PROCEDURES FOR DPC INPUTS WHEN THE DPC IS NOT ITSELF PARTICIPATING IN WINTEX 77. HE REQUESTED THAT SECTION V BE MODIFIED TO REFLECT A MORE BALANCED ACCOUNT OF THE ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF THE TWO OPTIONS UNDER CONSIDERATION -- (1) MULTINATIONAL COMMITTEE (2) A DIRECTING STAFF RESPONSE CELL COMPOSED OF MEMBERS OF INTERNATIONAL STAFF/ INTERNATIONAL MILITARY STAFF. UK REP SAID THAT WINTEX EXERCISES ARE PLAYED INTENSIVELY BY THE THREE MAJOR NATO COMMANDERS AND THEIR SUBORDINATE COMMANDERS AND BY A MAJORITY OF NATO CAPITALS. HE POINTED OUT THAT LIVE PLAY BY THE DPC IS LIMITED TO A SHORT PERIOD AND, FOR MOST OF THE EXERCISE, THE DPC IS SIMULATED BY A RESPONSE CELL WHICH ISSUES PREDETERMINED DECISIONS AT A PREDETERMINED TIME. HE SAID THAT HIS AUTHORITIES BELIEVE THAT THIS DISPARITY OF LEVELS OF PLAY HAS A SERIOUSLY DEGRADING EFFECT ON WINTEX EXERCISES AND COULD BE CORRECTED IF A MULTINATIONAL REPRESENTATIONAL COMMITTEE ACTED AS THE DPC WHEN AMBASSADORS THEMSELVES ARE NOT PLAYING.

3. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE NETHERLANDS REP (HOFMAN), ITALIAN REP (CAPONE) AND BELGIAN REP (DE MILD), COEC REPS SUPPORTED UK PROPOSAL FOR A MORE BALANCED ACCOUNT OF THE TWO OPTIONS IN SECTION V. US REP (WITKO) REMINDED COEC THAT THE DPC AGREED ON NAV 21, 1974, TO A US PROPOSAL THAT WIDER SIMULATION OF THE DPC/MC SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN THE PLANNING FOR WINTEX 77 (REF B).

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4. IMS REP (GARDNER) SUGGESTED THAT SECTION V BE DELETED AND REPLACED WITH A GENERAL REFERENCE TO THE TWO OPTIONS FOR THE WINTEX 77 RESPONSE CELL. CANADIAN REP (BECKETT) PROPOSED THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS SECTION TASK COEC TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY OF THE TWO OPTIONS. COEC AGREED TO THIS PROPOSAL PENDING CONFIRMATION BY UK AND DENMARK (JENSEN) REPS.

5. DRAWING ON REFS A AND C, US REP REQUESTED THAT THE LAST SENTENCE OF PARA 13 BE REWORDED TO CLEARLY STATE THE PROBLEM WITH THE TECHNICAL OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE AUTOMATED COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AND STRESS THE NEED FOR TIMELY CORRECTIVE ACTION BY COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITIES. HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT HIS DRAFTERS OF REVISED REPORT INADVERTENTLY

LEFT OUT A US REQUEST MADE AT APRIL 17 COEC MEETING FOR A REFERENCE IN THE TEXT AND RECOMMENDATIONS SECTION ON THE NEED FOR AND VALUE OF, ACTUAL DPC PLAY IN WINTEX EXERCISES. COEC AGREED TO INCLUDE THESE PROPOSALS IN THE NEXT DRAFT.

6. IS WILL PREPARE ANOTHER DRAFT REPORT TO THE DPC ON EXERCISE WINTEX 75 BASED UPON INPUT RECEIVED. MISSION WILL FORWARD THIS TO WASHINGTON UPON RECEIPT.

7. UNDER ANY OTHER BUSINESS, CHAIRMAN SAID THAT THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR HAD INFORMED SYG THAT FRANCE WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT PARTICIPATE IN EXERCISE HILEX-7. CHAIRMAN REMARKED THAT FRANCE HAD DECLINED PREVIOUS INVITATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN HILEX EXERCISES AND THEREFORE, HE WAS NOT SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT THEY WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN HILEX-7. BRUCE.

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